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FOR: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING ABSORBENT ARTICLE AND
CONTINUOUS MEMBER USED AS PART OF ABSORBENT
ARTICLE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated March 21, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph as follows:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 30 and ending on page 3, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--It is, therefore, an object of the present invention to provide a method for manufacturing an absorbent article, in which an absorbent article with a predetermined pattern arranged at a predetermined position can be manufactured efficiently, economically and in a stable manner without producing a degraded product.--

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